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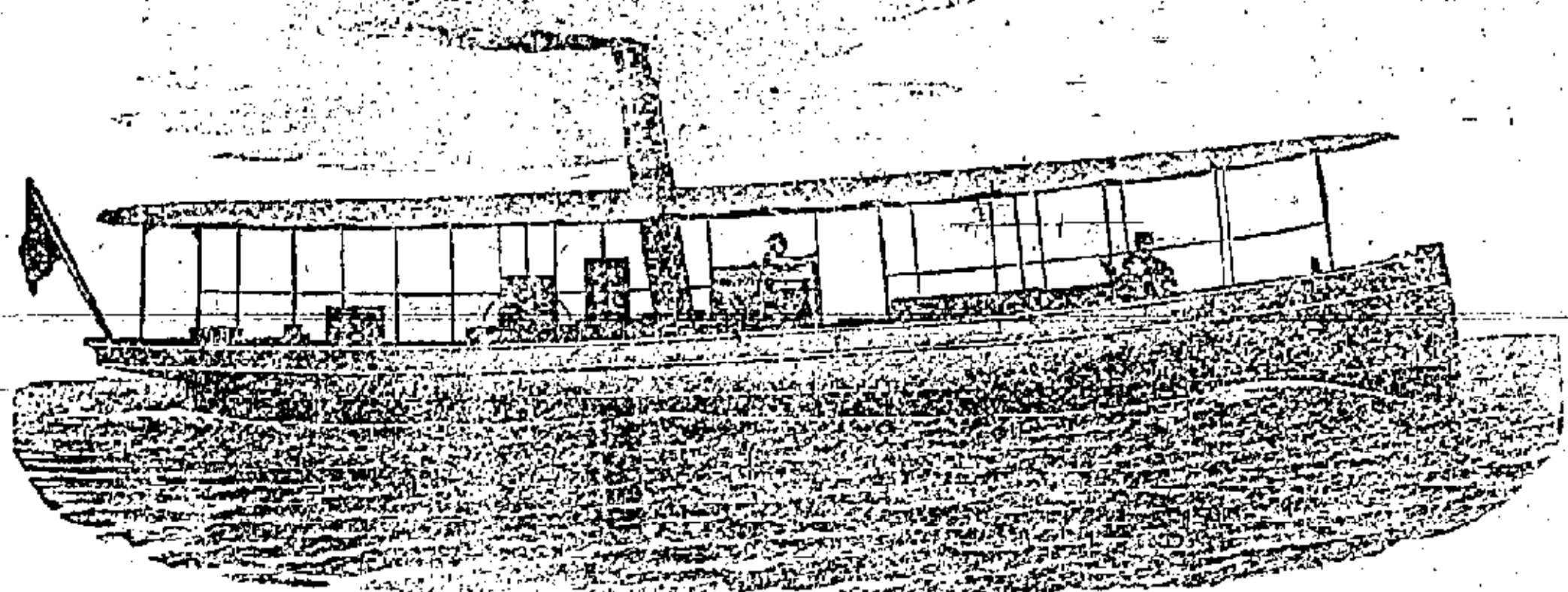
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Hongkong, November 7, 1900. 2248

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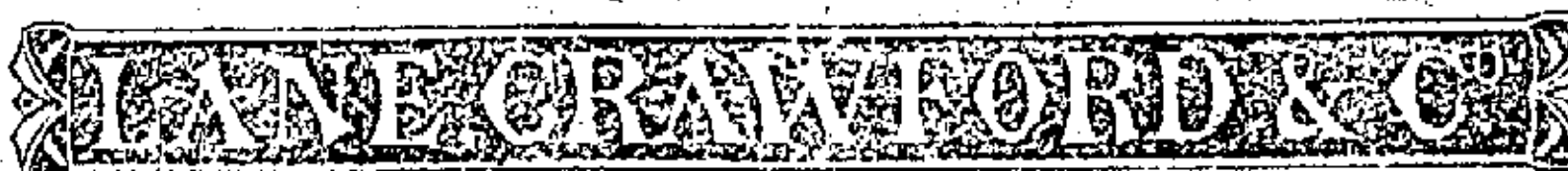
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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.
Noon.—English Mail str. *Coromandel* leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

Meeting.
Noon.—Private Meeting of Shareholders of the Paoan Mining Company, Ltd., at the Company's Office, No. 9, Vaux Road.

Amusements.
2 p.m.—Performance of the A. D. C., in the City Hall.

Miscellaneous.
2.45 p.m.—Spoon Competition of Hong-kong Rifle Association.

General Memoranda.

MONDAY, November 25.—
Noon.—Auction of the Twin-Screw Steam-Launch *Khai Sing*, at Yauwatt, (Chi Kok Shui) by Mr. Geo. P. Lam.

3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land situated at Mong Kok Tsui.
Goods for Yangtze not cleared at noon subject to rent.
Goods for Yangtze not cleared before noon, subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, November 28.—
Goods for Yangtze undelivered after this date, subject to rent.

THURSDAY, November 29.—
5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Bothen Mark Lodge.
Goods for Yangtze not cleared after this date subject to rent.

Opium Quotations.

HONGKONG, November 23, 1900.

New Pains, cash	9425
Old Pains, cash	9375
New Bonares, cash	9375
Old Bonares, cash	9375
New Malva, credit	770/80
Allowance, Tael	not 1 catty
Last Year, credit	780/80
Allowance, Tael	not 1 catty
Old Malva, credit	820/80
Allowance, Tael	not 1 catty
Persian, Oily, cash	—
Allowance, Tael	—
Persian, Paper tied long	840/800
Allowance, Tael	—

Exchange.

HONGKONG, November 23, 1900.

On London	2/11 1/2
Bank, Wire	2/11 1/2
On demand	2/11 1/2
30 days sight	2/11 1/2
60 days sight	2/11 1/2
90 days sight	2/11 1/2
On Paris	2/11 1/2
On demand	2/11 1/2
30 days sight	2/11 1/2
60 days sight	2/11 1/2
90 days sight	2/11 1/2
On New York	50 1/2
On demand	50 1/2
30 days sight	50 1/2
60 days sight	50 1/2
90 days sight	50 1/2
On Hongkong	1 1/2 p.m.
30 days sight (private paper)	72 1/2
On Yokohama	81 1/2
On demand	81 1/2
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)	\$50.25
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	\$8.950
Silver (per oz.)	207 1/2



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MARRIAGE.

On 17th November, at H.B.M.'s Consulate-General, and afterwards at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, by the Rev. H. O. Hodges, M.A., Henry Edward McGowan, of Chinese Imperial Postal Service, to Florence Alice, second daughter of the late William R. Fuller, of Chetoo, China.

The publication of this notice commenced at 5.00 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1900.

According to the telegram of Wednesday last, it would appear as if the Empress and her court have already discovered that palaces suited to royalty, and luxuries suited to the tastes of princes cannot be made to order in the capital of an interior province because a fugitive emperor and his court decide to reside there. Everybody now knows that the palaces in Peking were comfortable and dilapidated enough. Dust and decay, grass and weeds, were in evidence everywhere. But the halls possessed grotesque carvings; the pillars were of marble; mythical animals and birds, of ancient casting, looked seriously down upon their majesties. There were gilded thrones, yellow carpets, and familiar tapestries. There were bridges and canals; lakes and gardens; hills and pagodas. Moreover, daily supplies for man and beast, which furnished for the Chinese every luxury, came regularly. When the court fled so precipitately, like savages fleeing from their central lair, at the approach of a blood-thirsty enemy, they left all this behind them—to find what?

Anybody who knows the provincial cities, knows well enough that these decaying wastes of shops and yamens will offer neither palaces nor pavilions, parks nor flower gardens, comforts nor luxuries. Even such important cities as Canton and Wuchang, the capitals of the great maritime provinces, will furnish nothing of the kind. It is therefore easy enough to conceive what the capital of an interior province like Shensi will offer. Hence we can well see that the Empress and her party, bereft of all comforts and luxuries to which they have been accustomed through a long life-time, are beginning to realize that empty power without the privileges and prerogatives which usually accompany it is but an apple of Sodom, and that they therefore seem inclined to huddle themselves and come down from the clouds. The Empress's health is not robust, and we can well understand that the "extreme privations" which he has undergone have been a strain upon his bodily health—and mental too for that matter. That he should hunker after the palaces of Peking is natural enough. But we can hardly understand the Empress being moved with compassion on his behalf. It would, one would think, be in her interests, if he were to die, for then without the stigma of blood on her hands, she would have a free hand to put on the throne any creature of her own, in sure and certain hope that the Allies would not then be able to reinstate Kwang Hsu. That the Dowager will give way for his sake is unlikely in the light of past events, but that she will yield in order to preserve her own worthless life for a few years—if this may be realized—is quite possible, and from the telegram seems likely.

On the other hand she is scarcely her own master now. She has found her fortunes too closely in the fortunes of others, to be allowed to act according to her own selfish instincts, even were she desirous of doing so. General Tung Fu-shiang, with ten thousand troops, is surely master of the situation, and he knows that to yield would mean his disgrace and death. In the list of those to whom the Powers are determined to deal out exemplary punishment, he stands most ominously near the top. His influence, backed up with ten thousand rifles, may yet induce the Court to change its abode, but instead of approaching Peking, to go further west and select the capital of Szechuen, rather than approach the hated foreigners as supplicants.

Moreover the conditions of surrender are not easy. The yoke, which the Empress must carry, is very heavy, too heavy, probably, for her to accept. That China is willing to pay an indemnity is clear. This she has always been ready to do. Having enjoyed the music, she has never seriously objected to paying the piper. That some kind of pseudo-punishment will be meted out to the arch-criminals, she will probably consent to. She will also, we expect, readily consent to the abolition of the Taung-li Yamen, which was at best but a tentative arrangement, satisfying neither the Chinese nor the foreigners, useful only like a weak galvanic battery, for creating irritation in the minds of both sides. This institution, notwithstanding its high-sounding name, was no part of the Chinese system of "Honors," and its disappearance will leave no regret behind. But will she consent to the other conditions? That her forts, from the sea to Tientsin, which are supposed to protect her capital, shall all be dismantled will certainly seem to her a consummate disgrace, which is like commanding a man to remove all the locks from his doors, when it is known that the cut-throat is in the house.

infested by burglars. Will she consent to the continual presence of Legation guards? It is said that the presence of permanent European Ministers in the sacred capital has been a sore point from the first, and that the rulers of China have never loyally accepted this dishonour which was forced upon them. What then about permanent guards? They will be a standing reminder of a national dishonour. It will recall to their minds that they were either unable or unwilling to protect the lives of plenipotentiaries, who had been accredited to their court, and this will afford no solace to their honour. Will the Government consent to issue a proclamation, forbidding for a period of five years the annual and triennial examinations which are the boast and pride of all educated Chinese? There is no spot so sensible as this and the most delicate touch will cause the literati to shrink and wince in the most acute pain. That the Empress will willingly and of her own accord accept these conditions, is, we think, unlikely, and we can hardly expect that she will do so. When Charles Stuart was confronted by an angry Parliament, pressing unpalatable demands on him, he said that to concede them would be equivalent to conceding his throne. He therefore proudly rejected them, and trusted his fate to the arbitrament of the sword. We should not therefore be surprised to hear that the Empress has decided to accept the same risks in this fond hope that such an attitude will induce the Allies to abate somewhat the exceeding hardness of their demands. Of course she will fail, but this, being hidden from her gaze, will in no way influence her councils or decide her action.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Hongkong Hotel.
The Band of the Royal Welch Fusiliers will play at the Hongkong Hotel to-morrow (Saturday) evening, from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

March..... "Left Right".....Ord Home
Valse..... "La Solange".....Koeber
Selection..... "Pavane".....Sullivan
Horn Dance..... "Go Bang".....Carl
Polka..... "P. & O.".....Bucalossi
Selection..... "Runaway Girl".....Caryl
EXTRA.
Mazurka..... "Le Canine".....Gause
"God Save THE QUEEN."

Disease at the Dairy Farm.
At the Sanitary Board meeting yesterday afternoon, after Mr Ladd's report on the outbreak of foot and mouth disease at the Dairy Farm, Pokfulam, had been read, Dr Hartigan asked—Has any attempt been made to find out the origin of the outbreak?—Dr Clark suggested that Dr Hartigan might move that Mr Ladd be asked to make enquiry and report.—A **Bull.**—On the morning of 21st inst., a bull named "God Save THE QUEEN," was found in question in an infected area.

Share List.
The following alterations in our share list are noted after the hour of correction: Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, 215 1/2 prem.; National Bank, \$204; buyers; China Traders, \$51, sellers; China Fire, \$76, sellers; Douglas, \$40, sellers; Indo-China, \$55, sellers; China Sugar, \$123, buyers; Hongkong Land, \$190, sellers; West Point, \$49, sellers; Jolebu, \$64, sellers; Charbonnages, \$260, buyers; Queen's, 7 cents, sellers; Raik, \$51, buyers; Olivers, \$133, sellers; Hongkong Hotel, \$120; Green Island, \$183; Dairy Farm, \$7, ex div.; and Loao-Kung-Mow, The, \$73.

The Tsz Fa Lottery Case.
At the Magistrate's case this afternoon, Mr Hazledine gave his decision in the Tsz Fa Lottery case, in which four Chinese were charged with being keepers of a common gaming house at the Cheong Man shop, in the village of Lycium, on the 24th October. There were also charges against three of the defendants of assaulting the police. Mr Bowley prosecuted, and Mr Reese appeared on behalf of the prisoners. The judgment is too long to be printed in full to-night so it is held over. The defendants were all convicted of the first charge, and fined \$200 each, with the alternative of two months' imprisonment with hard labour, and all implements of gaming were declared forfeited. The other charges not being made out to his satisfaction, Mr Hazledine found the prisoners not guilty.

'Trilby.'
A large audience again assembled at the Theatre Royal last night, notwithstanding the counteraction closely by, to witness the final performance by the Taylor-Carrington Company. The piece staged was the one-act "Trilby" by the well-known writer Du Maurier. "Miss Ella Carrington undertook the difficult role of 'Trilby,' the artist's model, with much acceptance, while Mr Charles Taylor, as the adoring 'Svengali,' was also very good. Miss Laura Roberts was a splendid 'Little Billee,' while Mr C.W. Taylor as 'Sandy,' the Laird, and Mr P. Carroll as 'Tuffy,' the Welshman, performed their respective parts very well indeed. A beautiful illuminated stage picture entitled "Paris by Night" concluded a most enjoyable entertainment. The Taylor-Carrington Company are to be congratulated on the success which has attended their short season.

Vessels at the Dock.—At Kowloon: H.M.S. *Panther*, H.M. *Tartar*, *Dolphin*, *Clara*, *Sandwich*, *Tedam*, *Muri*, *Porpoise*, *Commodore*, *Monterey*, *Breconshire*, *Albatross*, *Benjamin*, *Sewall*.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.
A's letter cannot be inserted. It is a purely personal matter.

The *N.O. Daily News* understands that the object of the visit of Dr Knapp, German Consul-General, to Nanking was the establishment of a German Consulate at that port.

On the suggestion of Mr Osborne, at the Sanitary Board meeting yesterday, it was agreed to ask the Government to inform the port of Shanghai that the Colony was now free from plague.

The Right Rev. the Bishop of Victoria returned to-day from Pouchy by the Douglas steamer *Hutchings*. Mr G. M. H. Playfair, H. B. M. Consul at Pouchy, who is going home on leave, was also a passenger by the *Hutchings*.

A Chinaman, who described himself as a carpenter, appeared at the Magistrate's court on four charges of stealing. On the first, of stealing \$1.80, he was sent to prison for four months, and on another he was awarded an additional two months. The other two charges were dismissed.

A carpenter at Taiwan for having four tael of opium dress in his possession without a valid certificate was, at the Magistrate's court, fined \$400, with the alternative of two months' imprisonment, with hard labour. He stated that the opium had been left behind by a friend who had gone to Samchen.

The claim for specific performance by Chin Wah, trader, 54 Stanton Street against Choo Kan, clerk, in the employment of Messrs. Deacon and Hastings, solicitors, is still proceeding at the Supreme Court before His Honour the Chief Justice and a special jury.

Football.
The team which will represent the Victoria Recreation Club on Saturday in the football match against the Royal Engineers, at the Happy Valley, will be as follows:—Goal, Chummet; backs, Fittick and Cameron; half-backs, Andrews, Lapley and Huxworth; forwards, Graham, G. Duncan, Yule, Loureiro and Heaton. Kick off at 4 p.m.

Cricket.
The following Cricket Match will take place to-morrow, starting at 11 a.m. *Hongkong Cricket Club*—Messrs. Mast, Mckenzie, Sercombe Smith, Major Dorehill, R.A., Capt. Langhorne, R.A., La. Clifton Brown, R.N., Surgeon Nimmo, R.N., and Rev. J. A. Dexten, R.N. *Hongkong Football Club*—Capt. Wymouth, R.A., Messrs. Ward, Noble, Leo, Wood, Maitland, Anderson, Hooper, Johnson, R.W.F., Higgin, R.W.F., Hill, R.W.F.

Kowloon Water Scheme.
At the meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday, the President (Hon. R. D. Crossley) said he did not think there was any objection to asking the Government to publish the Kowloon Water Supply Scheme. He thought the informed Major Brown that it had been published, but on looking into the matter he found that the scheme was laid on the table at the meeting of the Council and that it was not published. He thought if the Board approved they might write and ask the Government to publish it. Major Brown said that in connection with this matter he thought the Board might congratulate themselves on having achieved something. The water supply at Kowloon had been improved very much indeed. He thought there had been practically no air supplied. (Laughter.) It was agreed unanimously to ask the Government to publish the scheme.

The Graphic Christmas Number.
The *Graphic Christmas Number* is an indispensable accompaniment of the festive season, and is regarded by the adults much in the same way as the gifts of Santa Claus to the young generation. The present number, which is printed in colours, contains a wonderful representation of 'A Heretic,' by the late Sir J. E. Millais, P.R.A., and stories by W. W. Jacobs, W. S. Gilbert, Grant Allen, H. B. Marriott Watson, S. Baring-Gould, Eden Phillpotts, etc., with illustrations by Major-General Butler-Powell, C. E. and H. M. Brook, Reginald Cleaver, Stanhope Forbes, A.R.A., Gordon Brown, R.L., Frank Craig, Tom Drayton, Elmhurst Comyngham, W. Rolston, W. Hatherall, R.L., and Walter West. Accompanying the number is a replica of the important picture which Mr Stanhope Forbes, A.R.A., has just completed. This picture, which is called 'A Story of the Yald,' is a commission from the Proprietors of *The Graphic* and represents one of our gallant soldiers, lately home, narrating his adventures, before a cosy fire, to an appreciative group of attentive listeners, comprising the devoted wife and aged mother. A baby in the foreground adds to the simple pathos of the picture, showing the anxious sojourn endured at home while the father has been fighting for his country.

SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT.

The second of the series of subscription concerts arranged by Mr Alec Marsh and Mr A. G. Ward was held last night in St George's Hall, the seating accommodation of which was fully occupied. It was evidently the design of the promoters to slightly modify the classic lines of the previous concert and a programme was arranged of a more popular character. The weather that has been experienced during the past week has been somewhat trying to the vocal organs and was responsible for a rearrangement of the programme, Mrs Badley and Mr G. P. Lamont being unable to be present owing to indisposition. As introductory pieces to the different parts of the programme the duets for two pianofortes were distinctly novel features for Hongkong, and they were rendered with fine skill by the accomplished ladies and gentlemen. Mr Alec Marsh was said to be suffering from the effects consequent to a cold, but that was so he strove manfully against the disadvantages in the five numbers in which he appeared, and achieved success in each. The charming old Scottish ballad 'Maiden of Morven' was given with rare depth of feeling and artistic grace. In the lovely duet 'Maying' Mrs Madie and Mr Marsh were sweetly sympathetic, and there was a perfect blending of the voices. 'Barcarola,' a duet of a different type, was tastefully rendered by Mrs Lawson and Mr Marsh. In addition to the numbers on the programme Mr Marsh gave as an encore a humorous rendering of 'The Owl.' In a very short time Mrs Madie has gained a high appreciation in musical circles in the Colony, and by the applause which greeted her appearance in 'Kathleen Maureen' it was evident that she had increased that popularity. Her rich soprano interpreted to the full the pathos of the song. Although to the majority of the audience the Scottish dialect may have been somewhat mystifying in 'Ch the Ewes to the Knowes,' there was no misapprehension the fact that the rendering of this beautiful song was most thoroughly enjoyed. The reappearance of Mrs Lawson on the concert platform was warmly greeted, and in a very pretty lullaby song she showed that her beautiful soprano voice was equal to previous efforts. It was a matter of regret that her contributions were so limited. Mr E. E. Hill was in good voice and gave a splendid rendering of his two songs. A violin solo by Mr J. H. Moir was very well received. The concert concluded with the music of the piano scene from 'Il Trovatore,' the soloists being Mrs Madie and Mr E. E. Hill, the latter taking the place of Mr Lamont. *Maria* did not do with complete success. The chorus from the ante-room, sounded somewhat shaky, but under the somewhat disadvantageous circumstances the performance was very creditable. Messrs Ward and Grimbale accompanied the soloists. The following was the programme:

FIRST PART.
1. Duet for 2 Pianofortes (8 hands).
Overture..... "Comedietta".....Guitelli
MISSES SHELTON HOOPER AND SHAW,
AND MESSRS GRIMBLE AND WARD.
2. Song..... "La Serenata".....Tosti
Mrs ALEX MARSH.
3. Song..... "Kathleen Maureen".....Crouch
Mrs ALEX MARSH.
4. Song..... "Queen of the Earth".....Mozart
Mrs E. E. HILL.
5. Duet..... "Barcarola".....Gounod
MRS LAWSON AND MR ALEX MARSH.
6. Violoncello Solo..... "Mousette".....Svire
Mr J. H. MOIR.
7. Song..... "Maiden of Morven".....Old Highland Maddy
MR ALEX MARSH.
8. Song.....
Mrs LAWSON.
9. Song..... "Marilyn".....Trotter
MR E. E. HILL.
10. Duet..... "Maying".....Alice Mary Smith
MRS MADIE AND MR ALEX MARSH.
Interval of 10 Minutes.

SECOND PART.
1. Duet for 2 Pianofortes (8 hands).
"Invitation à la Valse".....Walter
MISSES SHELTON HOOPER AND SHAW,
AND MESSRS GRIMBLE AND WARD.
2. Prologue from "Pagliacci".....Verdi
(by request).....Leonardo
MR ALEX MARSH.
3. Prison Scene from "Il Trovatore".....Verdi
Leonora.....Mrs Madie.
Manrico.....Mr E. E. HILL.
Assisted by a Chorus.

E.V.F. Band.
The R. W. F. Band will play the following selections at Murray Barracks 8 p.m. to-night:
March..... "23rd Australian Regt.".....Schlegel
Overture..... "Pine Grove".....Jones
Valse..... "San Toy".....Cootie
Selection..... "My Queen".....Cootie
Selection..... "Darkies Frolic".....Gray
Selection..... "H.M.S. Pinafore".....Sullivan
Glee..... "The Soldiers".....Sullivan
Ballet..... "My Day".....Sullivan
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TELEGRAMS.

[REUTERS SERVICE.]
FRANCE AND THE CHINA QUESTION.

London, 21st November.
M. Delcasse, speaking in the Chamber, said that the Government desired to maintain the territorial integrity of China and was anxious to end the expenditure on China as soon as possible but not until satisfaction had been obtained.

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.

The Boers have attacked an outpost at Thaba Nchu, killing Lieutenant Paxton and three of the Balfords; they have repeatedly destroyed the railway and telegraphs in the vicinity of Edinburg, unsuccessfully attempted to destroy the culverts near Kimberley and ambuscaded a wagon and 18 men near Utrecht.

THE ILLNESS OF THE TSAR.

The latest bulletin of the Tsar is less satisfactory.

CANTON.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
CANTON, November 22.

To Mo, who was appointed Viceroy of the Two Kwang some time ago, is now reported to be on his way to Canton. He is expected to arrive within the next fortnight. The Lekin monopoly, which was let the other day, has been withdrawn, and the mandarins intend to keep the collection of this revenue in their own hands. The man who obtained the monopoly was in arrears with his payments, and besides that was very unpopular.

A Proclamation has been sent out ordering the immediate payment of the Grain Tax because of the heavy drain at present on the national purse.

LAW AND CRIME.

Eleven men, who had been convicted of robberies with violence, were beheaded yesterday.

An important arrest of four members of the Ko Lao Hui has just been made at Shek Kok on the North River. Many of the Reformers who recently escaped from Hankow are supposed to be in hiding in Canton. A complete list giving names, age, and other particulars of these men with the rewards that will be paid for each, is posted at the city gates.

MISCELLANEOUS.

There were no less than three fires yesterday, including the principal one, which was marked by many fires and robberies. As a precaution it is proposed to strengthen the street guards throughout the city.

Earnest appeals are being made for subscriptions to relieve the people who are suffering from the famine in Shansi and Shensi.

Another French gunboat returned to Canton from Shan Tak this morning.

The clan fights which began at Sha Hau near the Sai Tsui Hills in September have only now been brought to a conclusion. The soldiers, about five hundred in number, have returned to Canton.

WEST RIVER NOTES.

(From a Correspondent.)

SANSUI, November 22.

THE BLACK FLAG.

Lu Yung Fu, the Black Flag chief, passed through Sansui yesterday on his way to Canton; with a number of his followers. They came down the North River, and from what I hear the people are very glad to be rid of them. Passing through Sansui, Lu anchored his boat in front of the Customs quarters and saw all the other boats past before he left. The men are a very rowdy lot, and I suppose he did this so that there should be no trouble with the foreigners living there. They ought to arrive in Canton to-morrow, 23rd instant. Everything up the river is quiet and trade seems to be improving.

FOOCHOW.

(Echo.)

SATURDAY, November 17.

Entertainment.

The F. A. M. & D. Society opened the season with a dramatic entertainment at the Frivoly theatre on the 15th inst., when the two small comedies, "Cut off with a skilling," and "Anything for a change," were played before a full house with great success.

Consular Changes.

The following changes are taking place in the British Consular Service at this port. Mr Playfair will leave on the 19th inst. for home on furlough and will be succeeded by Mr O'Brien Fuller who arrived per *Hutchins* from Shanghai on the 16th inst. Mr Vermer, Vice-Consul at Pagoda, is leaving for Hollow and will be succeeded by Mr Hughes.

Mission Conference.

The Annual Conference of the C. M. S. Mission in Fuhkien has just been held and we are glad to hear that the reports given of the state of feeling in the province was reassuring. The excitement of the summer months has largely died down and there is scarcely any cause for anxiety anywhere. Notwithstanding the Northern troubles, the Mission is able to report progress all along the line during 1900. Nearly 20,000 Englishmen have taken place and the contributions of the Native Christians for Church purposes have realized some \$2,500, a sum \$200 in excess of last year.

A VOICE FROM THE GRAVE.

The following two pathetic letters have reached Tientsin this week, and were written by Mrs. Atwater shortly before she was murdered, and given into the care of the gate-keeper, who appears to have faithfully fulfilled the trust and forwarded them here by his son a few days ago. These letters will be treasured by the bereaved relatives, and tell us all the little that we shall probably never know of a personal nature of the last hours of the victims of Yü Hsien's fiendish cruelty. This is the only word that has reached the coast of the fifty-nine persons done to death in Shansi, Fenchow, July 20th, 1900.

Dear ones at Taku:—Mrs. Chapp.

Rovena, Louise.

The gentlemen's letters will tell you what our next step is, so I won't speak of it. This last news from you confirming our fears concerning the dear ones at Taku was hard. God knows how hard for us to hear, but I cannot write of it yet. We passed a terrible night, and in the morning there was the very Li-hai proclamation ordering us out almost at once. I could do nothing but try to God; it seemed as if I could bear no more in my present condition. No one talked at meals. We seemed to be waiting for the end, and I for my part longed that it might come speedily. My Kua went like a brave fellow to the young men as if we could not have an escort to the river. We could have nothing unless the Kuan helped us. He stayed so long we feared he had been beaten, but our fears for once were groundless. And yet although an escort has been promised, I feel very uneasy. The new Kuan has come, but the old one will not give up his authority and there is considerable friction in consequence. How it may affect our going I do not know. We are in the Lord's hands. Will you please do it? We with no could have. I do pity you who have to let every step. I wish I could think it safe to go toward Hankow. It seems such a risk; but there seems nothing else for it now. May God keep each one of you. I am very happy. With much love to each of you and kindest regards to Mr. Davis, Mr. Chapp, and Mr. Williams, ever lovingly, LIZZIE ATWATER.

Later, August 2.
Our plans are upset, we don't think we can escape from the city. Several of the church members are planning to conceal us if we divide up. It is hard to do that. Mr. Lai wishes to conceal us in his home right here in the city, but I want to stay with my dear husband while his life is given to us. Heaven will write all these last hours, and I feel quite sure that we will have a joyful welcome for us all above. I am fixing my thoughts more and more on the glorious hereafter, and it gives me wonderful peace. God bless you all. Yours in blessed hope, L.A.

Note on the above. The foreigners at Taku, six in number, were beheaded yesterday (August 1st).
Fenchow, 3d August 1900.
My Dear Dear Ones,—I have just to hear from you to write you a note. Now I am in the terrible details of these days. I would rather spare you. The dear ones at Shouyang seven in all, including our lovely girls, were taken prisoner and brought to Tientsin in trains and there by the Government. The headed, together with the Tientsin friends, thirty-three souls. The following day the Roman Catholic priests and nuns from Tientsin, were also beheaded, ten souls yesterday. Three weeks after these had perished, 242 Chinese died. Taku was attacked, and 242 Chinese died. Taku was attacked, and 242 Chinese died. Taku was attacked, and 242 Chinese died.

We are now waiting our call home. But the plans do not seem to be going on. The ships are being stolen right and left, for the people know that we are condemned. Why our lives have been spared we cannot tell. The proclamation says that whoever kills us will be spared. The Governor has kept peace so far, but if these men come from Tientsin there is not much hope, and there seems none any way we turn. The foreign soldiers are in Fuch

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